

WKSHOES - Workshop on Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

2020/WK/IEASG04 **Workshop on Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (WKSHOES)**, chaired by Alan Haynie, USA, and Vera Köpsel, Germany, will meet online **22-24 June 2021**. WKSHOES will examine stakeholder interactions across ICES expert groups, assess needs and opportunities, and develop elements for a strategy to formalize stakeholder involvement in ICES groups. Specifically, WKSHOES will:

- a) Characterize potential ICES stakeholder interaction goals as well as the key elements of a stakeholder engagement strategy to achieve these goals, to be developed by ACOM/SCICOM following WKSHOES. ([Science Plan codes](#): 3.6)
- b) Further describe these key elements of the strategy, e.g. objectives, roles, principles, boundaries, monitoring, evaluation, etc. ([Science Plan codes](#): 3.6)
 1. Consider relevant stakeholder interaction documents including the framing document developed by Ballesteros and Dickey-Collas. Building on the Ballesteros and Dickey-Collas framing document, summarize the approaches taken by other similar and relevant international organisations.
 2. Develop and propose a table of contents for a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to be developed by ACOM/SCICOM that clearly links the potential objectives with guiding principles.
 3. Discuss gaps, identify risks and opportunities that arise from the challenges identified.
 4. Consider the best means to effectively and transparently communicate with the ICES community about stakeholder engagement to ensure trust in the process.
- c) Research and report current stakeholder activities taking place *within* ICES, to inform the deliberations of ACOM/SCICOM, especially with regards to monitoring and evaluating the impact of stakeholder engagement against the goals of a strategy. ([Science Plan codes](#): 3.6)
 1. Prior to the workshop, survey ICES expert group chairs to characterize current stakeholder involvement, perceived barriers and challenges, and goals for improving stakeholder engagement.
 2. Summarize current stakeholder monitoring / tracking processes and consider alternatives.
 3. Discuss future social science training needs related to different stakeholder strategies.
- d) Propose alternative approaches (with associated risks) to improve and secure further inclusion and engagement by ICES with stakeholders, such as future hybrid meetings. ([Science Plan codes](#): 3.6)

ICES WKSHOES will report to the attention of ACOM / SCICOM by **31 July 2021**.

Supporting information

Priority	High; this WK is essential for clarifying the role of stakeholders in ICES. The WK will produce the context for ACOM/SCICOM to create a stakeholder engagement policy that will guide stakeholder interaction in diverse ICES expert groups and workshops.
Resource requirements	Assistance of the Secretariat in maintaining and exchanging information and requirements and data to potential participants. Technical assistance scheduling and running an online workshop.
Participants	Various experts across ICES groups with knowledge and expertise of stakeholder participation in ICES and beyond.

Secretariat facilities	SharePoint site, secretariat support for reporting. Assistance with online workshop functioning and online meetings prior to the workshop and operation of the online workshop.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to ACOM and groups under ACOM	All ACOM/SCICOM groups will be impacted by this workshop.
Linkages to other committees or groups	ACOM, SCICOM, WGSOCIAL, WGMARS, WGECON, WGBESEO, Others.
Linkages to other organizations	All current and potential future stakeholders.
